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FROM : Chief of Base, Salzburg W
SUBJECT: GENERAL- Operational/GROOVY
SPECIFIC- GROSSBAHN - Agent EE-1
Ref- EASW-149

DATE: 1 Sep 1953

1. We are attaching GROSSBAHN's memo G-229, done at our request, on agent EE-1.

2. EE-1 has reported on his French ties to GROSSBAHN, but apparently the connections have been dropped. Further supporting this is the fact that EE-1 has been transferred to Linz, effective 15 August, where he will hold a subordinate position, which should allow him much more freedom of movement that he enjoyed in Graz.

3. The only major variations between facts contained in the attached report and the information forwarded under reference, that we can see, are the following:

a. Paragraph 3.c. of reference indicates that EE-1 has no knowledge of the fact that his information is used in connection with intelligence. This is incorrect, for EE-1 is well aware of GROSSBAHN's U. S. intelligence activities.

b. Paragraph 3.a. of reference--GROSSBAHN states the captured Hungarian courier led to EE-1's evacuation merely because he happened to be a former student of EE-1's. This is such a weak and implausible explanation, that we are inclined to accept the theory that he probably was carrying a letter from EE-1. We likewise accept the theory that EE-1 is probably reporting to the Vatican.

4. We are still inclined to the views we expressed in the note on page 3 of EASA-1580; EE-1 appears to be a valuable casual contact for GROSSBAHN, provided his knowledge of GROSSBAHN's operations is not widened. His move to Linz should place him in a position of greater potential value as compared with his former situation in Graz, where he was of little real value.

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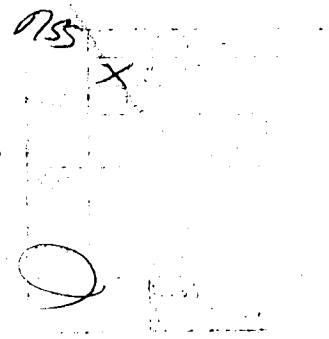
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SUBJECT: EE-1

1. I know EE-1 for a long number of years. He was a particular friend of my mother-in-law. During nazi time he assisted everybody who was either fighting the nazis or endangered by them. I resumed contact with him in spring 1947, from which time on he has assisted me wherever he could in checking out people, talent spotting, providing cover, and arranging for covert means of communication. It was EE-1 who introduced AA-1 and XX-1 to me. AA-1 had been known to him for some time and had informed him that he was looking for an American contact. XX-1 had conversed with him. Prior to the introduction of either of the two, I had asked him whether anybody else had any knowledge; in reply he informed me that he knew too well from his previous work during nazi occupation that restricted matters should have as few witnesses as possible and that he therefor had not discussed these problems with his normal contacts in Vienna, one a CIC agent, the other a French intelligence officer whose help he employed whenever he needed immediate assistance especially for newly arrived refugees. He told me absolutely friendly at that time and on several occasions later on whilst he was in Vienna and then in Innsbruck that his help had been employed by CIC and FIS especially in checking out refugees.

2. EE-1 had to leave Vienna in 1948 after a Hungarian former scholar of his - he had been prefect general of the famous Kalksburg high school until nazi occupation - had been caught by the Hungarians or Soviets and had probably informed the Reds on EE-1's supporting role with refugees coming from the satellite territories. Especially when EE-1 was in Innsbruck, I have discussed on several occasions with him how far FIS had tried to employ his help. EE-1, as I had the opportunity to check out through former agent TT-1, had disappointed the French by not collaborating with them as they had hoped for. I had further discussed this problem quite openly with him, asking him whether he held any ties

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with any western IS, especially with FIS. He replied that he did not beyond casually employing western help for newly arrived refugees who urgently needed either transportation or documentation. He carried on by explaining to me that he felt not entitled to deal in intelligence except on a very personal and confidential basis which he held with me and which had proved to be completely satisfactory. At that time and for some period to follow I provided EE-1 with all necessary documentation for refugees (especially priests from the eastern territories), and EE-1 explained to me that this support, together with certain financial supports that I gave to him in specific cases including his own travel expenses, helped him not to get involved with any other IS. Especially during 1949 and 1950 I had frequent occasions to check this out with priests who had fled the East. There has never been any indication that EE-1 did not tell me the full truth.

3. Since the time that EE-1 became Superior of the Jesuit Order in Styria, he has lost whatever little other contacts he could have had with FIS on a very limited and local basis. He informed me openly that he had been visited on two occasions by French FIS officers within the first six months after his arrival in Graz, even giving me the names, but that he had declined any further contact with them, arguing that his time was fully occupied with his present duties. There was one contact with the French military government that has existed for a number of years. It was with the cultural and press branch who sent to him their press bulletins and information material, which he passed on to me without my asking him for such.

4. I feel that the suspicion regarding EE-1's French ties arises from factors that would incline any observer to come to such conclusion:

- a. His family name
- b. The history of his family in France
- c. His relationship with the HAPSBURG family
- d. His perfect knowledge of the French language

- e. His original contact with French authorities in Vienna for the support of refugees.

I believe that this suspicion is a bias against his character and, if analyzed, is based on the above apparent factors and a lot of gossip. If he bore his mother's name he would probably be suspected of working for BIS.

5. EE-1 was born on 11 November 1896 at Lańcut. During World War I he was an active army officer with field artiller and only after the war became a Father of the Jesuits.

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